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SUBJ: FIRE AT LA MESA STATE PRISON

1. A FIRE DECEMBER 2, 1976 IN LA MESA STATE PRISON IN TIJUANA DESTROYED 32 BARRACAS (HUTS) AND 3 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED "TANKS" HOUSING A TOTAL OF OVER 500 PRISONERS. NO PRISONERS WERE REPORTED INJURED. JESUS MEDINA FUENTES, DIRECTOR OF THE PRISON, TOLD US HE ESTIMATES DAMAGE AT 500,000 PESOS. CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNKNOWN BUT MEDINA SUSPECTS ARSON. MANY PRISONERS WHOSE ACCOMODATIONS WERE DESTROYED BY THE FIRE ARE SLEEPING OUTSIDE IN PRISON COURTYARD.

2. EIGHT AMERICAN PRISONERS TOLD US THEIR PERSONAL EFFECTS DESTROYED, BUT WE UNABLE TO VERIFY. CONGEN ASKING NAVY AND RED CROSS IN SAN DIEGO WHETHER CAN PROVIDE BLANKETS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR THOSE PRISONERS.
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